Establishment of USER in AP

1385. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Prof. C.N.R. Rao Committee has suggested the Central Government to set up Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (USER) in order to create quality education and research in basic sciences;

(b) if so, whether Government are considering the request of Andhra Pradesh to set up such an institute in Tirupati;

(c) if so, the details regarding the steps proposed to set up the research institute-; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (SAC-PM) under the Chairmanship of Prof. C.N.R. Rao, had suggested setting up of Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (USER) in order to create quality education and research in basic sciences. In this regard IISERs at Pune, Kolkata and Mohali have been set up. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to set up an USER at Tirupati.

Students union elections in Universities

†1386. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) total number of Universities of the country in which elections for students union have been conducted from 1st January, 2006 to till date;

(b) the names of the universities in which these elections have not been conducted alongwith the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when these elections will be conducted in Jamia Milia Islamia and Kashi Hindu University?

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†Orlginal notice of the question was received in Hindi.